We are proud of our Students’ achievements!
Congratulations to both Kinder classes who are taking off with their writing. They are focusing on starting their sentences with a capital letter, leaving spaces between their words, writing down the sounds they can hear in each word and then finishing with a full stop. So much to remember when you have only been learning for such a short time! In Dardanelles class the clever writers are Lucas, Cooper, Joshua, Emily, Kai, Sophia, Hayley, Ellah and Nevaeh. In Tucker class the clever writers are Shylah, Caylen, Lily, Ruby, Emily and Isabella. Hayley and Mikayla also love to practise writing their known sight words independently. Way to go Kindergarten!

Each and every class put in special effort to create a memorable gift for their mum involving mathematical thinking and team work for Western Front and Burton or creatively using colour, collage and photos for our other classes. Our teachers are so proud of you all. Well done to teachers for coming up with some outstandingly creative ideas.

**Dates to Remember:**

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**Mothers’ Day**
I know there would have been many happy smiling mums on Sunday morning when they opened their gifts made by your adorable child in class at school or purchased at the school Mothers’ Day stall. Thank you to our hard working P&C mums who gave up their time and also had so much fun last Tuesday selling Mothers’ Day gifts at school to our students.

What a terrific success last Thursday morning’s Mothers’ Day breakfast held outside our school hall was. Thanks to the generous support of our local Anglican church, Reverend Brett Hall and his wonderful volunteers. So many mums and their children, plus a few grandmothers too, enjoyed a delicious breakfast of cereal, pancakes, banana bread or muffins topped off with freshly brewed coffee or hot chocolate. Our school is truly grateful for the wonderful community support we have. Thank you!

**School Cross Country Carnival**
In beautiful sunshine all of our students had lots of fun participating in our annual Cross Country Carnival last Wednesday. Amid lots of enthusiastic cheering and displays of good sportsmanship many students performed personal bests mostly by running more and walking less which is a commendable achievement. Macquarie house was the winning house on the day followed by Tyson, Hovell and Hume. Participation ribbons were handed out on the day to K-2 students and place-getter ribbons for age divisions were presented at Friday’s whole school assembly. Congratulations to all! Thank you to our P&C who organised popcorn and drinks for sale on the day. An extra special thanks to Sandra Hale who topped up the popcorn supplied free by Greater Union Cinemas with popcorn from our local IGA supermarket. A great team effort! **Students are reminded to return their sponsor money and prize order to the office as soon as possible so that prizes can be ordered.**
Awards this Week

Aussie of the Month
An AUSSIE OF THE MONTH is someone who:
• Consistently obeys the school rules.
• Is helpful to students and teachers.
• Is caring to other class and school members.
• Is a good friend.
• Always gives of their best and tries hard to improve.
• Displays a wonderful attitude to school.
March: Infants – Hayley Lorenz  Primary – Alexander Kerron
April: Infants – Tiffany Woodroof  Primary – Breanna Kennedy

Student of the Week
Dardenelles: Hayley Sayers  Tucker: Ruby Marks
Cannakkale: Logan Winters  Lemnos: Chloe Donovan
Hamilton: Emily Harrington  Throssell: Jiselle Petrovski
Flanders Field: Tahlia Greenwood  Lone Pine: Samuel Martyn
Burton: Samantha Hogan  Western Front: Hayley Spiteri

Gold Awards
Hannah Deering, Jacob Deering, Paige Sellick

Silver Awards
Hannah Deering, Jacob Deering, Charlotte Withers, Callum Gay, Ava Hilton

Bronze Awards

Stamp Chart
Superstars!
As always, Mrs Harrison’s days have been brightened by the patter of eager students’ feet who are thrilled to share with her the reasons for acquiring stamps on their completed stamp charts. The following students visited her office this week:
Dardenelles: Hamish, Ellah, Chloe, Joshua, Sophia, Nevaeh, Amelia, Nate, Emily L, Cooper, Hayley
Tucker: Shylah, Claudia, Hayley, Isabella, Mikayla, Ruby, Lily, Shakaya, Alex
Lemnos: Alyx, Grace, Joel, Noah, Zack, Erin, Dylan
Canakkale: Lily, William, Brady, Riley, Elise, Ashton, Logan
Hamilton: Georgia, Evie, Zara, Cooper, Ollie
Throssell: Hayley, Sinisha, Jiselle, Ayden, Connor, Seth, Trae, Paige R, Coby

Keep up the fantastic effort!
More on cyber safety

Don’t be afraid to have family expectations such as all devices are placed in a container by a particular time each evening. You may be starting a trend in your child’s peer group! It is tough being a parent but it is important to be a parent rather than your child’s best friend when it comes down to safety. Here is some additional information for parents:

1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cybersafety.
2. Set a technology curfew.
3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.
4. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.
5. Remind your child that people don’t always tell the truth online, and they can’t take anything at face value.
6. Reassure your child that people don’t always tell the truth online, and they can’t take anything at face value.
7. If they get a message or email that’s threatening or rude, they should ‘STOP, BLOCK, TELL’. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.
8. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don’t know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.
9. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.
10. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you’re in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.

NAPLAN

As you know NAPLAN assessments are taking place in literacy and numeracy for our Year 3 and 5 students today, tomorrow and Thursday. These are just one small way in which these students’ learning can be assessed. Our teachers speak with their students each day about their learning and know which students prefer to demonstrate their learning through talking, by creating an image, by interpreting ideas through poetry and prose, through technology presentations and by working alone or in a group. Our teachers know which students have just acquired a new concept through sheer hard work and those who learn more quickly, those that lead and those who prefer to be guided. NAPLAN can only assess through a pencil and paper test. Trust that Appin Public School teachers gather so much more evidence and information about your child and their learning. Send your Year 3 and 5 child to school this week with a “school as usual” attitude and “do your best” just like you would any school day.

Dance Group

Dance Group has been cancelled for Weeks 4 and 8 due to Gala Day. A make up session during lunch time may be held. Mrs Corcoran will confirm this shortly.

School Photos

Our school photos arrived just in time for Mother’s Day! Photos were sent home last Thursday. Please contact the office if you have any problems. Specialist photos of Band, Ministers, Captains, Eco committee, Year 6 photo and Year 6 funny photo are on display in the office area and can be ordered through the school. Photos are $16 each, 2 for $30, 3 for $42, 4 for $52 or 5 for $60. Please ask at the office for an order form if you would like to order these photos. Return special orders to school by Monday 1st June 2015.

School Starting Times

Our school is keen to change our school operating times and would like community feedback. At present our school day commences at 9:20am and concludes at 3:20pm. We would like to change this to a starting time of 9am and finishing time of 3pm in line with the vast majority of schools.

As only two students catch a bus and our Principal does this bus duty, working around bus timetables does not apply. Our other students commute to school on foot, by bike or car.

When staff has school development days at the beginning of each term, staff always start at 9am and finish at 3pm. Commencing at 9am would fit in much better with sport and excursion starting times. A teacher would come on duty at 8:30am each school day which may mean some parents no longer require before school care. Children are generally fresher in the morning so teachers could make the most of the earlier start in their literacy sessions each morning.

Finishing at 3pm would fit in much better with after school activities such as dancing and sport particularly for those who take their children to these held in Campbelltown. It would be a huge bonus for staff in terms of attending off-site professional learning which starts at 3:30pm, no longer meaning staff need to leave their class before our present day concludes. It would also give everyone a little more daylight each afternoon for after school recreation.

Please come along to our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 26th May 2015 at 7pm in our Library and have your say about this proposal. Following this opportunity to share your thoughts, a survey will be included in our newsletter for you to complete.